

THEY ARE VERY ODD

Queer Plovers, Who Live in
Ottawa County.

THE \$50 WIFE OF A RAG BUYER

City Invents a Rascal Home, Without
Communication With
Neighbors.

Muskegon, Mich., Feb. 8.—The existence of a veritable family has been discovered across the line in Ottawa county. Their name is Pfeiffer, and in recent social intercourse with a neighbor—the first they have held in years—following a sad bereavement in the circle of relatives, a queer little story was learned. More than twenty years ago, an old rag buyer from Muskegon dropped at the house of a farmer near the boundary separating Ottawa from Kent county. The young daughter of the farmer took his eye and before he left he proposed that the father swap the girl for a Canadian pony. The trade was agreed and they were married. She was 18. The rag buyer was neither fat nor fair and was more than 40. And so, without protest, she entered on her new life, the value received for a stunted mustang, and went away to her new home.

For a time the rag buyer and his \$50 wife lived at Muskegon. After two children, a boy and a girl, had been born to them, they bought and moved upon a farm in Ottawa county. Here for nearly a decade and a half they lived alone. The only communication which the father holds with the outside world is of a business nature. During the summer months he leaves his wife and children to run the farm and manage the guests and he wanders about the shore counties, plying his vocation of purchasing rags and disposing of "yankee notions and things." No relations of a social character exist between him and those who live about him. The members of the family rarely exchange a word with any one outside of the household. Their home is situated in the midst of a bleak, sandy field, at least thirty rods from a highway. There, summer and winter, winter and summer, the woman who came into her husband's life when the Indian pony went out has lived, with no neighbors, no companions and no associates but her children and the dumb creatures around her.

A Paradox of Pathology.
But even into this home, isolated as it is, and cut off from all communication with the happier ones about it, came the strongest of disorders, the paradox of recent pathology which crossed the sea from its birthplace in the east. It is both a puerile indisposition and a devouring black plague. In a manner it is the sound of a death rattle. People smile at its visitation. There is something humorous in the association which its name brings up. And nothing but the grand tragedy of the greatest fraternal war in history ever brought more horror to Michigan homes. It is a death's head with the cap and bells. In its visit it hasn't even overlooked little ones with pretty ways. And in thousands of households dear old grandmothers, with a kindly speech and mild face, to which heart strings were closely tied, are missing since it crossed the ocean.

At the school nearest to where the hermit household lives it was rumored one day that the lonely home had been on a kindness greater than that to which it had hitherto been used. A kindly neighbor who crossed the dreary expanse of snow covered field found that the rumor was true. The daughter Louise had been attacked with the grip on Tuesday. From the first moment of her illness she insisted that she would die at a certain hour on Thursday. She breathed her last within fifteen minutes of that hour. The hermit couple kept their dead until Saturday, and then alone, with their own hands, they buried the cold daughter in a corner of the house which the mother can reach with the eye from her window. In their sorrow, they told the neighbor something about their life story and showed him the grave. It was surrounded by a fence ten rails high and the enclosure was filled with green, sweet-smelling pine boughs.

GEN. ALGER SURPRISED.
He Hardly Knows What to Say of
Blaine's Letter.

DETROIT, Feb. 8.—On the receipt of the intelligence of Blaine's withdrawal at the newspaper offices Gen. Alger's residence on Fort street became the focus of a rush, which caused the general to entertain the notion that as the scouts were coming in so thick there was something in the wind on the picket line. Detroit was the center of a flood of telegrams from the newspapers of the metropolitan cities of the United States, all wires were rushed for an interview with Alger. The New York World evidently regarded it as a break-neck life and death matter to have the interview, as that paper's instructions read: "Find Gen. Alger at all hazards." The News, as usual in the lead, found the general in a condition of profound perplexity and more disposed to have somebody talk to him rather than have all of the conversation to himself. The reporter reminded him that after his last tour of the western states, in which he touched elbows with high, low, poor and rich, and came back loaded to the muzzle with all sorts of opinions, that the silent among these opinions as expressed by himself was that Blaine was the choice of the country for president. That although there had been dropping shots in favor of Blaine before that, his expression appeared at the time the signal for the onset in favor of the champion of reciprocity.

"I think," replied the general, "that about that time sentiment seemed to be least concentrated in favor of Blaine. I hardly know what to say about the withdrawal, other than that I am very much surprised. Indications could not be clearer than they were, and are, that he would have carried the convention and the country. In view of the surrounding circumstances the move I think about it the more it supplies material for perplexity."

Touching his own candidacy the general declined to express belief that that was a matter for advancement, and hesitated at the possibility of entering into anything that might have the value of a guarantee.

TWO IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Wanted Down By the State Supreme Court Yesterday.

LANSING, Feb. 8.—The supreme court handed down the following opinions in cases of widespread importance to the people of Michigan in the state, especially the last mentioned, is in the case of the city of Lansing. Action was brought by the city of Lansing to recover an amount of \$100,000 in damages from a public utility in the city of Lansing. The court below directed a verdict for the defendant, which this court

affirms, and holds that from its own ratings, a public utility is not a public highway in the sense of the statute under which plaintiff seeks to recover, and that there is no law on the statute books requiring a city to keep its alleys even in a reasonably fit condition for public travel.

In the case of the village of Ewell, vs. Henry F. Emery, the defendant's fence across the right of way of his land extended eight feet into a public highway for the whole distance. Action for its removal was commenced by the village but the court below dismissed the bill upon the ground that the defendant had acquired a title by reason of adverse possession of the premises the statutory period required. The judgment of the court below is affirmed, and it will be seen that not even a public highway is exempt from the operation of established adverse possession in acquiring a title.

CHARGED WITH FALSE PRETENSES.

A Detroit Clothing Man Harried by New York Dealers.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 8.—Governor Winans in response to a requisition from the governor of New York, a few days since, ordered the extradition of Robert Schlesinger, the "Famous Clothing House" man of Detroit, who was wanted in New York upon a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses. He was later admitted to bail, and an application made to the governor to recall the warrants for his arrest, and surrender to the New York state officers.

The matter was turned over to the attorney general under the provisions of the statute and an investigation directed. A hearing was had before that officer today and a report of his conclusions was made to the governor. Schlesinger is charged with obtaining a large quantity of goods by reason of his false representations of his financial condition made in writing; that the goods have been shipped to different parts of the state for sale—a considerable portion going to his brother-in-law in Grand Rapids.

Harvest of Death.

COLDWATER, Mich., Feb. 8.—Isaac Alden, an old resident and much respected citizen, died last night of heart failure brought on by the grip. He was about 76 years old and had lived here 54 years.

YALE, Mich., Feb. 8.—Yesterday morning, after a two weeks' fight with the grip and pneumonia, died Dr. Thomas Collins, aged about 70. A pioneer inventor of a noted medicine, he was a man of energy, independent will and courage. A wife and several children are left to regret his death.

Death of Two Pioneers.

LANSING, Feb. 8.—Ebenzer Walker, a resident of Okean township in this county for thirty years died at Okemos today aged 85. Alvin C. Warner a resident of Lansing also died here aged 83. Mr. Warner came to Wayne county in 1838 from New York state and to this city twelve years ago, where he has since resided with his son, Alderman J. E. Warner.

Electric Plant Breaks Down.

SAGINAW, Mich., Feb. 8.—Yesterday afternoon, in the Bartlett electric plant, a steam valve in the dynamo burst and filled the room with steam. One man was badly burned on the arms, and it is feared, inhaled some of the steam. Superintendent A. M. Lempe and a boy named Elmer were both knocked down, but neither was seriously injured. All electric cars were stopped for several hours.

Straita Clear of Ice.

St. Ignace, Feb. 8.—The mails from St. Ignace to Mackinaw island are being carried across in a rowboat, that portion of the strait is being now clear of ice.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

The second annual open spring and wrestling meeting of the Michigan Athletic association will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and 8, 1921, at the Lyceum theater, Detroit. Competition is open to all amateurs.

The prison board suggested at its meeting that the Marquette penitentiary be changed into an insane asylum and the prisoners be transferred to the other penal institutions of the state.

A man named Cooper is under arrest at Kalamazoo because he got \$2.50 on an order which called for fifty cents. Cooper is six feet four inches tall and is big enough to know better.

Burglars entered Daniel S. Dunn's bazaar and J. J. Thompson & Co.'s dry goods store at an early hour Sunday morning. The money drawer in both places was rifled.

There has been no death at Jackson prison for over seven years. People who are afraid to die should apply to Warden Davis for board.

Ischeming is laboring under a heavy fall of snow, and the electric cars are enjoying a temporary vacation.

Bessie Carr, a young miss of St. Ignace, from all the toes of her left foot while out skating recently.

Hastings small boys have a poker room. They should be thrashed with their own weapon.

Rev. J. S. Jordan, of Novi, is very ill with the grip. He is well known in G. A. R. circles.

Mrs. Hattie Winton has sold the North Adams News to Ralph G. Brooks, of Angola, Ind.

Local talent will present Robert Emmet at the Lapham opera house in the near future.

Fifteen thousand bushels of peas and beans have been shipped from Traverse City this season.

Bay City's high school is overcrowded and increased accommodations must be secured.

The next state encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Ann Arbor April 18-21.

Allegan county's next fair will be held September 27 to October 1.

The grip is prevalent and fatal among the people of the Upper Peninsula.

John Hauer was killed by a falling tree at Pine River Saturday.

Pentwater's Catholic church is to have a new steeple and bell.

Allegan's fourth oil well is as great a failure as the other three.

Mrs. Tuttle of Oshtemo, is dead. She was 95 years old.

The young people of Shelby have a reading league.

Petty thieves are operating at Wyman.

Traverse City's charity ball netted \$400.

Check registers are working Bay City.

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